

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-20 remain in this application. Claims 1, 10, 12 and 13 have been amended, and claims 8 and 15 have been canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-20 all contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-7, 9, 12-14 and 16-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant submits that the above amendments to the claims place all claims into compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112 since all claim terms are now provided with proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 has been placed into allowable form by rewriting claim 10 in independent form, incorporating all of the features from its base claim. Claim 11 depends from claim 10, and is therefore also in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been allowed, and therefore claims 2-7, 9, 12-14 and 16-20 are also in condition for allowance since they all depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, and otherwise comply with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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